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Title : Need to construct a bridge over Lohit Channel of river Brahmaputra between Dhole and Sadia in Assam.

DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA (LAKHIMPUR): I like to draw the attention of the Government regarding urgent need to construct a bridge over Lohit Channel of river Brahmaputra between Dhola and Sadia in Assam to connect NH 37 with Indo-Chinese Border beyond Tezu of Arunachal Pradesh. On construction of this bridge, not only a part of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh will be connected to the mainland but it would largely contribute towards construction of three mega Hydro Power Projects in Arunachal Pradesh being executed by NHPC besides facilitating Defence movement to the border. This landlocked resourceful area in terms of agriculture produce, forest and mineral wealth would also be opened up to the commercial destination of the country. Considering the inter-state importance of this bridge, the NEC has already conducted a feasibility study and the final report is expected soon. It is desirable that the survey includes the connecting approach road upto Tezu and Roing of Arunachal Pradesh from Sadia as extension from km 689 of NH as part of project.

I therefore, urge upon the Government specially the PMO, Planning Commission and DoNER to clear it as a joint venture Central Project for Eleventh Plan so that resource mobilization could be ascertained from all stakeholders like Defence, NHPC, MoRTH, DoNER and NEC. The Planning Commission may be entrusted to co-ordinate with all stakeholders in association with Ministry of DoNER and NEC to finalize the project with commitment of assured funding with a definite time frame for its completion.